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Dated 17th July 1895.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

PAPER MILL IN TRAVANCORE

Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, letter from the Government of Bengal regarding the selection of an expert to report upon the -- and requesting him to report the action taken by the Darbar in the matter.

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From

H. H. Risley, Esq., C.S., C.I.E.
 Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

To

The Chief Secretary to the
 Government of Madras,
 Political Department,
 Calcutta, the 5th July 1895.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 295, dated the 6th May 1895, regarding the selection of an expert to instruct and report upon a paper mill in Travancore.

2. In reply, I am directed to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, who had been unofficially consulted in the matter convened a meeting of the 'Paper makers' association, Calcutta, who seem to be well acquainted with the Travancore mill and their opinion is extracted below:

"Position They say the mill is at Quilon; that approach to it is difficult in the monsoon; there is no railway to

to it, and no chance of a railway; and the nearest terminus is 100 miles away across a very difficult country. They notice the Gwalior Mills have been obliged to close and that the Poona Mill is in difficulty, and they say, the Travancore Mill is in a worse position than either of these, so bad in fact as to practically exclude it from the market."

"Out turn. The Calcutta Mills can undersell the Travancore Mill at Madras and compete with it at Trivendrum itself."

"Working. Coal cannot be had so that wood has to be used. The supply of material is a matter upon which there is not much information in Calcutta, but the belief is, that the material is good, but not abundant. Chemicals have to be imported in the cold season. In the monsoon it would be very difficult to get at the mill."

"Experts. If an engineer were asked to report he would probably recommend the purchase of further machinery. A papermaker would naturally consider how the interest he represented would be affected."

Any man reporting upon such a mill should be acquainted with the market for paper as well as with the processes of paper making."

"General Conclusion. The general opinion was that, looking to the difficulties set out above, the mill cannot be worked at a profit, and therefore it would be unwise to reopen it."

3. I am to state that in the face of this opinion it will hardly be of any use to send an expert from Calcutta, more especially as it would not be to his interest to report independently upon the mill, in as much as to do so would be to set up competition against the mills in Bengal. If however the Travancore Residency still wish for a report on the mill, the Chamber suggest the name of Mr. W. J. Grieve, Bally, Paper Mills, No. 28. Tenchurch Street, London, who might be tempted to come out and give a report. No one in Calcutta

is

is willing to undertake such a duty."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

H. A. Ailey

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

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